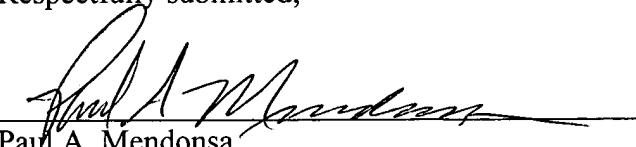


## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 712 8918. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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